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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 GARY MINOR,)
12 Plaintiff(s),) No. C09-1375 TEH (BZ)
13 v.) **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**
14 FEDEX OFFICE AND PRINT,)
15 Defendant(s).)
16 _____)

17 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United
18 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

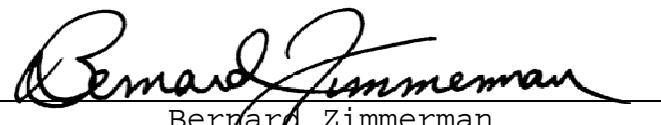
19 In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties
20 shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area,
21 by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their
22 dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the
23 dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent
24 positioning letters; parties shall instead make a
25 contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder
26 or a court reporter.

27 In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the
28 parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

1 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.
2 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
3 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no
4 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
5 and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall reply in
6 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter
7 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties
8 to schedule the conference.

9 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
10 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
11 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688). A
13 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
14 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:
15 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

16 Dated: June 15, 2009

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19 Bernard Zimmerman
20 United States Magistrate Judge

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